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1. Directives issued to the Soviet military plenipotentiaries assigned to the railroad district administrations, railroad offices, railroad junctions and railroad shops to control execution of the decreed measures. +
2. Details relative to measures to be taken as regards the organization of rail traffic as well as loading and unloading operations.
3. Details as regards locomotives, the main points being:
 - a. The number of reserve locomotives by 1 November 1949 is to be brought to 420, including:

220 locomotives earmarked as reserve of the SMA Transport Section, and 100 locomotives representing a reserve available to the railroad district administrations. ++

For listing of these reserve locomotives, see Annex 2.
 - b. 400,000 tons of fuel are to be stock-piled as an emergency reserve by 1 October 1949. +++

For listing, see Annex 3.
 - c. Besides this emergency reserve, the available stores of service coal are to be increased to 10 daily consumption quantities by 1 October 1949. +++
4. Regulations concerning railroad cars, the main points being:
 - a. The number of deadlined cars is to be reduced to 10 percent of the total rolling stock by 1 October 1949. Ø
 - b. At least, 7000 serviceable freight cars will be made available as an SMA reserve by 1 October 1949. ØØ

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5. Regulations concerning track installations, man-made structures, the telecommunications system and safety devices.

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Comment:

Since the attached order is essentially the same as that transmitted in a previous report (x) (preparations to be taken for the winter of 1948/49) its translation was not considered necessary.

In detail, the various points of this order as stated above are commented on as follows:

→ This order again shows that the Soviets are in a position to completely control German railroad operations in their occupation zone through their military plenipotentiaries. From the order it may be assumed that at least the following numbers of military plenipotentiaries with the required assigned personnel are available:

Eight railroad district administrations	8
Forty railroad offices	40
Twenty-three railroad repair shops and one repair department	24
Important railroad junctions (xx)	64

Total: 136

++ As compared with 350 SMA reserve locomotives in the previous year, 420 locomotives must be kept in reserve this year. This increase may be attributed to the fact that the number of "column locomotives" has been decreased. (xx) There was no change in the number of reserve locomotives available to the railroad district administrations.

+++ The directives relative to the stock-piling of fuels have not changed as against the previous year. But whereas actual stock-piles remained far below the target, the plan may be assumed to be fulfilled this year (xxx).

Ø The same demands were made last year; their fulfilment, however, seems doubtful.

ØØ This is a new request. The accumulation of an SMA reserve of freight cars has, however, been observed since some time. This measure will detrimentally affect German railroad operations, since Railroad freight cars are a critical item.

- 3 Annexes: (1) Copy of Order No 66 by the Transport Section of the Soviet Military Administration for Germany (in German)
(2) Number of Locomotives to Be Kept Available by the RR District Administrations in 1949.
(3) Emergency Stock-Piles of Fuel to Be Built up by 1 October 1949.

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